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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

This letter is written to urge the acceptance and adoption of the proposed settlement between the Department of Justice, Microsoft and nine states. This agreement addresses perceived concerns of "monopolistic practices" while allowing Microsoft to continue to developing software that is useful. The fact that the Department of Justice and 9 states have signed on shows that it has merit. No alternative has been shown to be better in the long run. Those pushing for such alternatives are those who truly wish to put Microsoft out of business which is not the best course of action for either the industry or our country in the long run. Hopefully, cool heads will prevail and the rhetoric of those who wish for harsher sanctions can be seen for what they are.

Sincerely,
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